

REMARKS

Applicants' Attorney has requested various changes to the drawings.

In particular, Applicants' Attorney has requested that abbreviated labels such as "P-Sub" in Fig. 3 be replaced with non-abbreviated versions of those labels to improve the clarity and to conform with the use of the non-abbreviated versions of such labels elsewhere in the drawings. Applicants' Attorney has requested that a dot be added at each location in Figs. 1B, 4, 5, and 12 - 14 where one conductor line intersects another conductor line (to the extent that such a dot is not already present) to make it clear that the indicated lines actually connect to each other.

Applicants' Attorney has requested that the horizontal axis labeling for Fig. 1C be revised to conform to the axis labeling used elsewhere in Figs. 1C and 6. Applicants' Attorney has requested that the subscript usage in Fig 6 be modified to be consistent within Fig. 6 and to conform to the subscript usage employed in the specification.

Applicants' Attorney has requested that label "30" for the curved arrows in Fig. 1D be changed to "40" since reference symbol "30" is employed earlier in the drawings for an npn transistor. Applicants' Attorney has requested that label "126" for a portion of region 116 in Fig. 7 be changed to "146" since reference symbol "126" is utilized earlier in the drawings for a p-n junction. Applicants' Attorney has requested that label "130" for the curved arrows in Fig. 7 be changed to "148" since reference symbol "130" is employed earlier in the drawings for an npn transistor.

Applicants' Attorney has requested that labels "130" and "132" for the curved arrows in Fig. 8A be changed respectively to "152" and "154" because reference symbols "130" and "132" are utilized earlier in the drawings respectively for an npn transistor and a resistor. Applicants' Attorney has requested that labels "130" and "132" for the curved arrows in Fig. 10A be changed respectively to "172" and "174" for the same reason. Applicants' Attorney has requested that labels "130", "132", "134", and "136" in Fig. 9A be changed respectively to "162", "164", "166", and "168" because reference symbols "130", "132", "134", and "136" are utilized earlier in the drawings respectively for an npn transistor and three resistors. Applicants' Attorney has similarly requested that label "130" in Figs. 11A and 11B be changed to "178" since reference symbol "130" is employed earlier in the drawings for an npn transistor.

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Applicants' Attorney has requested that upper-case letters "N" and "P", when they indicate conductivity types and are either standing alone or have "+"superscripts, be changed respectively to their lower-case versions "n" and "p" for consistency with the use of "n" and "p" to respectively indicate n-type conductivity and p-type conductivity elsewhere in the drawings. Applicants' Attorney has requested that the label "P-Base" be added to p-base regions 114 and 118 in Fig. 5 and that the label "N-Well" be added to n-well region 116 in each of Figs. 9A and 10A in order to clarify the functions of regions 114, 118, and 116. Applicants' Attorney has requested that regions 116 and 120 in Fig. 8A be provided respectively with slanted shading and dotted shading to help distinguish those two regions from adjacent regions.

Applicants' Attorney has requested that arrowheads be variously added to transistor 140 in Fig. 5, to transistors 130 and 140 in Fig. 12, to transistors 130, 140, and 150 in Fig. 13, and to transistors 130 and 140 in Fig. 14 to indicate the directions of current flow through those transistors. Applicants' Attorney has specifically requested that transistor 140 in Figs. 5 and 10 - 12 be illustrated as having two arrowheads, one solid and one hollow, in conformity with how transistor 140 is illustrated in Fig. 4. Applicants' Attorney has requested that the horizontal line situated directly above transistor 140 in Fig. 12 be modified to appear the same as in Fig. 3.

Applicants' Attorney has requested that labels "116" and "118" in Fig. 12 be placed at locations where those two labels respectively appear in Fig. 3. Applicants' Attorney has requested that the labels "112", "122", and "114" be respectively added to the regions in Fig. 12 corresponding to regions 112, 122, and 114 in Fig. 3. Finally, Applicants' Attorney has requested that label "136" for the left-hand resistor in Fig. 12 be changed to "138" in conformity with Fig. 3.

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